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First Named Inventor: TERSTAPPEN

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Examiner: Reifsnyder

Application Number: 10/733,829

Filed: 12/10/2003

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TERSTAPPEN Leon and DOLAN, Gerald

Serial No. 10/733,829

Filed: 12/10/2003

For: MAGNETIC SEPARATION

APPARATUS AND METHODS

Examiner: Reifsnyder, David A.

Group Art Unit: 1723

Response to 10/27/2004 Notice

Our File No.: IMMC 208.2

# Petition for Revival of an Application Abandoned Unavoidably under 37 CFR 1.137(a)

This petition is to request revival of abandoned application 10/733,829 after an unavoidable failure to timely file corrected drawings. While applicant was able to timely file the issue and publication fee via facsimile transmission (see attached copies), corrected drawings (also attached) which should have been simultaneously submitted with the fee were omitted due to a clerical error.

This error stems from an unavoidable series of events within the company that prevented efficient management of our docketing system. Prosecution of this case, along with 130 foreign and U.S. filed applications, has recently been completely transferred to in-house management from an outside law firm previously handling the applications. Consequently, this case was filed as a divisional from a parent case, previously managed by the outside firm.

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problems connected with the company's operating system, requiring a period of technical debugging before being able to use the system with any confidence.

Accordingly, while reliance upon the paralegal and the docketing system was reasonable at the time of the mailing of the allowance, the subsequent loss of the services of the paralegal together with the electronic backup problems removed the system checks for clerical errors. Upon receipt of this Allowance in June, the section of the examiner's comment requiring formal drawings was misplaced and not with the "Notice of Allowance" in the file wrapper. The clerical error was not recognized at the time and, consequently, not properly entered in the docket with the necessary response for allowance. Unfortunately, because this error went unchecked, on September 23, 2004 only the issue and publication fee were sent by facsimile transmission.

While we have an established business routine for docketing procedures which includes an electronic backup, this clerical error became regretfully unavoidable when it occurred at a critical point in the establishment of our docketing procedures. Thus after extensive prosecution on the merits and timely payment of all required fees to date, applicant has included the required formal drawings and respectfully requests revival of this abandoned application.

Yours Respectfully,

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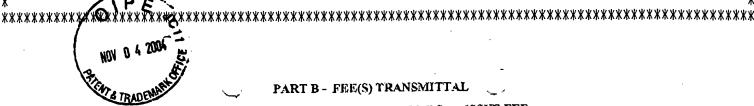
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